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Sent: Tuesday, April 16, 2013 10:28 PM
To: Emily Jeffers
Subject: FW: Department of Ecology hosts third Water Quality Policy Forum on Feb. 8

From: Braley, Susan (ECY) [mailto:SUBR461@ECY.WA.GOV]
Sent: Friday, January 11, 2013 9:08 AM
To: ECY RE SWQS; Miyoko Sakashita
Cc: Brown, Chad (ECY)
Subject: RE: Department of Ecology hosts third Water Quality Policy Forum on Feb. 8

Hi Miyoko—To clarify our involvement in developing water quality criteria for ocean acidification, the Blue Ribbon Panel work and Governor Gregoire's Executive Order 12-07 on ocean acidification has somewhat preempted our anticipated work as part of the triennial review. As you may be aware, one of the recommendations of the Panel was to ask EPA at the national level to take the lead in evaluating the applicability of water quality criteria for identifying impacts from ocean acidification and developing nationally recommended criteria if needed. Ecology Director Ted Sturdevant sent a formal request to Nancy Stoner, Acting Assistant Administrator to EPA, on 12/24/12. It can be viewed at: <http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/wq/303d/ECYltr-USEPAHQOceanAcidification122412.pdf>.

We will be following closely the efforts of EPA to develop criteria for ocean acidification and will be involved where we can provide regional or state specific expertise and background on these issues. We expect that NOAA Fisheries scientists will be more in the lead since they have been actively researching issues related to ocean acidification for the past several years (in particular Dr. Feely and his staff at the Pacific Marine Environmental Laboratory).

Thank you for your interest—

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From: ECY RE SWQS
Sent: Thursday, January 10, 2013 11:18 AM
To: Miyoko Sakashita
Cc: Braley, Susan (ECY); Brown, Chad (ECY)
Subject: RE: Department of Ecology hosts third Water Quality Policy Forum on Feb. 8

Hello Miyoko,

It is unlikely that ocean acidification will be a part of the conversation because the two current Water Quality Standards rules are focused on establishing human health criteria and providing new implementation and compliance tools for dischargers.

The Surface Water Quality Standards Triennial Review results, released in August 2011, identified guidance and/or policy development related to pH (due to ocean acidification) to occur in the 2012-2014 fiscal year. Page four of the Five Year Plan document (<http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/wq/swqs/TriennialRevComm/5YRtrireviewPlanfinal082011.pdf>) provides more information on this effort.

If you have any questions about these efforts, please contact Susan Braley (susan.braley@ecy.wa.gov or 360-407-6414).

Sincerely,

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Becca,

Will this discuss ocean acidification water quality criteria at all?

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The Department of Ecology (Ecology) is convening the third Water Quality Policy Forum to continue discussions on potential changes to the Surface Water Quality Standards (WAC 173-201A). The Policy Forums will discuss the new rulemaking processes to adopt new human health-based water quality criteria and implementation tools.

How can I attend this Policy Forum?

Ecology is hosting the third Policy Forum meeting as an interactive webinar. The webinar will occur on Friday, February 8, 2013, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. (PST). Webinar participants will be able to ask questions, participate in discussions, and watch presentations from any online computer or in person at Ecology headquarters in Lacey. Free registration for the webinar is available online at:

<https://www.accuconference.com/customer/Registration/index.aspx?pkRegQG=a493509d-c9dd-4798-97b8-72d81703a6b2>. You do not need to register if you plan to attend the Policy Forum in person.

Ecology staff will present the webinar at the Department of Ecology, 300 Desmond Drive SE, Lacey, WA 98504 ([directions](#)). Seating for interested parties is available at that location.

How can I find more information?

More information about the Policy Forum is available at <http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/wq/swqs/hhcpolicyforum.html>.

To find out more about Ecology's efforts to revise the Surface Water Quality Standards, contact:

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